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1. I WANTED TO HAVE A GOOD REASON TO CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER OLSZOWSKI AND RAISE WITH HIM SOME OF THE MORE PRESSING DIVIDED-FAMILY PROBLEMS, WITH REGARD TO WHICH OUR REPRESENTATIONS TO SPASOWSKI AND OFFICIALS OF THE MFA'S CONSULAR DEPARTMENT HAVE PRODUCED NO RESULT (SEPTEL). I THEREFORE ASKED FOR AN APPOINTMENT "IN CONNECTION WITH OUR DISCUSSION OF JUNE 23." PAWLISZEWSKI OF DEPARTMENT III TOOK NOTES.

2. I SAID THAT, IN RESPONSE TO HIS REQUEST OF JUNE 23, TO DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER SPASOWSKI'S REPRESENTATION OF JULY 1, AND TO THE REMARKS THE FIRST SECRETARY HAD MADE ON JULY 4, FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY AT THE SEJM, I HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CONVEY THE FOLLOWING. I THEN MADE THE STATEMENT CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 6 OF REF.

3. IN RESPONSE, OLSZOWSKI SAID HE WAS GLAD THAT I HAD TRANSMITTED THE REMARKS MADE BY THE THREE POLISH OFFICIALS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND THAT I HAD

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TODAY CONVEYED TO HIM THIS REPLY. HE WENT ON, "OUR

INTENTION IS TO IMPROVE AND BETTER IN EVERY WAY RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES. OUR REMARKS ABOUT RFE STEM FROM OUR CONCERN FOR THOSE RELATIONS. BECAUSE RFE IS UNDERSTOOD TO BE AN AMERICAN STATION AND IS GENERALLY REGARDED AS SUCH, WE WOULD BE GREATLY OBLIGED TO YOU IF, LEAVING ON ONE SIDE THE QUESTION OF LEGAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION WOULD USE THEIR INFLUENCE ON RFE. THIS IS ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT SINCE WE ARE OBSERVING THE UNINTERRUPTED GROWTH OF BROADCASTS WHICH CONSTITUTE INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF POLAND. THE AIM OF RFE IS QUITE EVIDENTLY TO RAISE SOCIAL TENSIONS INSIDE POLAND. THIS HELPS NO ONE. ON THE CONTRARY, WHAT IS NEEDED IS PEACE AND THE CONSISTENT DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATION. IRRESPECTIVE OF DIFFERING VIEWS, WE ARE DETERMINED TO FOLLOW THE PATH OF DEMOCRATIC CONSULTATIONS. DEMOCRATIC CONSULTATIONS CONSTITUTE THE ONLY WAY TO WORK OUT PROPER DECISIONS. I THINK THE RESPONSIBLE U.S. AUTHORITIES UNDERSTAND OUR POSITION.

4. "WITH REGARD TO RFE, WE WOULD PREFER NOT TO HAVE THE OCCASION TO SUBMIT TO YOU MEMORANDA CONTAINING CRITICISMS OF ITS BROADCASTS. IF NECESSARY, WE SHALL OF COURSE DO SO.

5. "FINALLY, MR. AMBASSADOR, I ASK YOU TO CONTINUE TO CONCERN YOURSELF WITH THIS MATTER."

6. I TOLD THE MINISTER THAT I WOULD CONTINUE TO CONCERN MYSELF WITH IT AND SAID I WAS SURE THAT MY COLLEAGUES IN THE DEPARTMENT WOULD ALSO DO SO. I SAID THAT, SPEAKING PERSONALLY AND BASING MY JUDGEMENT ON SUCH LISTENING TO RFE AS WE WERE ABLE TO DO AND ON SOME OF THE SCRIPTS WHICH I HAD SEEN, I WAS CONVINCED THAT RFE'S TREATMENT OF THE PRICE-RISE SITUATION HAD NOT BEEN SO BAD AS IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN WITHOUT THAT CONCERN.

7. I THEN TURNED TO DIVIDED-FAMILY MATTERS AND THE DE WEYDENTAHL CASE (SEPTEL).

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